To our patrons and friends, one and all,

we wish most heartily a "MERRY CHRIST-

No paper will be issued from this office on Monday morning.

A New "Blunder."

A politician in Washington is reported as declaring that a " public man almost always may be a new view of policy, but it is not a wise, nor do we consider it an honest, one. A man who permits himself to rest under an imputation which does him injustice, either thinks it beneath notice or does himself wrong by silence. And the man who would take advantage of a charge that was untrue by fulling to correct it shows his readiness to sail under false colors and profit by the reputation of entertaining sentiments which he does not hold. In one case he is unwise,

in the other dishonest. The remark was made with reference to the statements in the Herald, of New York, that there exists a proscriptive secret society, of which several prominent gentlemen were members. The political strategist who gave his views of policy in case such charges were untrue declared that in almost all vere but not destructive. cases it is a blunder in a public man to deny anything.

The President and Mr. Blaine are charged with being members. With regard to the President, if there be such a society as that described by the Herald we suppose it is BLAINE. It will be a matter of interest to such an organization or not. We do not believe that he has.

It is for public men to decide this question for themselves, but we do not believe that the state of public opinion in this country has reached that point of stupor or indifto deny nothing.

South Carolina.

The New York Tribune, commenting upon the outrage perpetrated by the South Carolina Legislature in the election of WHIPPER and Moses as circuit judges, says that "the " party which is responsible for the present " condition of things must do something for "its cure." Will it? South Carolina has asked, through a delegation of her people, for protection, and GRANT, having first insuited them with discourtesy, added to the offensiveness of his conduct towards them by taking to his bosom the delegation of negroes who came to deny the correctness of the complaint made by the intelligent and wronged white people. Presenting their Le ition through a delegation which set forth their sufferings, they asked, as it were, for a fish and the cruel party in by the election of such wretches as Whippen and Moses, we have no idea that the suggestion of the Tribune will find any favor among the Radicals. Ab, no! The country must be brought under the rule of a very different class of people from those who now control it before the wrongs of South Carolina can be admitted, or any effort made by the Federal Government to redress them. "The party which is responsible for the ex-"isting condition of things will never do "anything for its cure," nor will they do anything " for its alleviation." The Tribune is correct-eminently so-in saying that there is an obligation resting upon that party which requires of it this much. But it will see that the sordid and heedless party which d d the wrong will never redress it.

General Sherman.

The notorious General Sherman has been assiduously bunting for the little end of the horn, and he has found it. At "Forefathers' dinner" in New York he out-Shermaned SHERMAN. He could not be content with braying over Plymouth Rock, but must go out of his way to insult the people of the South. It belongs to ignoble hearts to do things like that-insulting the fallen-and his heart was ignoble enough for the task. He tells us what terrible things he will do with the South if they dare "cherish one thought of hostility and boast of their old Confederacy." He is a very Bobadil, and, like ancient Pistor, would readily "eat the leek" upon occasion.

What could the great Sherman mean by s a elling and gobbling in such a manner at a time of profound peace, when the South is quiet and law-abiding, by railing at its people and so will all such conferences be. There is and telling them what he will do with them if "they dare to boast of their old Confederacy?" It was a mere show of personal vanity and turkey-cock valor where there element. I have nothing to say against northern men, or "carpet-baggers," but I was no risk in displaying it. It was empty vaunting and insolence to the defeated without provocation; disgraceful to the honora- native Virginians-not old fogies or playedbie vocation of the warrior. No man worthy of the insignia of the soldier would have perpetrated so wanton an outrage upon an immense body of civilized people.

General Sherman, as though he were lord of the realm, tells the southern people that if they will do certain things they will be welcomed to equality, &c., as though they were born "on the surface of Plymouth Rock." This is the ingenuity of insolence. Who that was born anywhere else does not think more of his birthplace than of Plymouth Rock? Was ever there a man who has had its day in our State, and now to win regretted that he was not born on "the surface" of Plymouth Rock? If there ever was all things to the leader of the Democracy, such a person he would assuredly have his regret changed to gladness upon learning that General SHERMAN was one of the children of that bard, granitive, and insensible we can get the car of the President. Make mother.

There was no need for General SHERMAN to make the display of himself. He has by it, save perhaps the inmpt felt for him in the crease of South. He was present along with President Grant, who had inflicted a cruel insult upon persons near and dear to him. Yet he wled with General GRANT in courting the having lost them in the southern cause, that's favor of the very persons GRANT most de- the man we want. To talk of Judge Morton lighted in offering this insult. He won their or any northern wan leading the party in approbation, and that of even GRANT, by his Why, the fact is that the people who gave wanton and ridiculous display. SHERMAN had been justly regarded as a vain, conceited, are in a great measure wishing that we would and jealous man; but he had not been regard.

ed as entirely ungenerous and a braggart.

His last display robs him of all claim to the war and make up.

Listen, colored voters; the Yankee and the His last display robs him of all claim to con- rebelare daily shaking hands, drawing nearer sideration as a man possessed of any of the to each other. See how the "Yankee" pa-virtues that belong to noble minds. Like a pers speak of the Jackson statue. Northern personnel and the personnel personnel and the personnel personnel and the personnel pe foolis' man, whose heart is both sil'y and wicke?, he has wantonly insulted a people a monument to General R. E. Lee. Every great in numbers and renowned in virtues day the white people that the Potomae diand heroism. He has spoken of them with vides are drawing nearer and closer to each the arrogance of a tyrant and the vulgarity other, and as they look in each other's faces

ments of humanity.

In the editorial upon the earthquake in

yesterday's Dispatch the date of that in the Mississippi Valley which was so severe in its effects at New Madrid, in the State of Miscuri, was incorrectly stated. It occurred, as was stated in Dr. MALLETT's letter, in 1811. It extended along the valley for three hundred miles south of the Ohio river. It was the severest earthquake that ever bappened in this country. It was very remarkable on account of the length of time the convulsions, at short intervals, were continued. They are said to have continued for several months. The fl-sures that were opened by the shocks exblunders when he denies anything." This tended in some cases more than half a mile, and mud and water were thrown from some of them to the tops of the trees. We saw the ground at New Madrid in 1853. It was very irregular-marked by basins and elevations. The region before the event was low and level, and the depressions and elevations were not very great; but they extended over a wide surface.

The Earthquake.

The little bamlet had a very mournful appearance. Few persons seemed to have the boldness to maintain their ground, notwithvery high bopes.

In remarking upon the earthquakes in New England it was said that they were slight and tremulous; but there was an exception to this description in the earthquake of 1755, November 18, which was quite se-

CUBA AND GRANT .- The "truly good" Republican Congressmen are said to have gotten alarmed recently at something which suggested the idea that the President meant to make a dashat Cuba as a bit of strategy to a matter of profound indifference with this liave a bearing upon the presidential camwhole country whether he is a member of it paign next year-a sort of "third-term" or not. It is, however, otherwise as to Mr. trump card. They are said to have declared against any breach of peaceful relations with the nation to learn whether he has joined Spain, and against the acquisition of Cuba at any price or no price. One of the wise men declared that if the island were offered as a free gift to the United States, accompanied by gold enough to pay our entire national debt, he should oppose its acceptance.

Strange, that in so corrupt a party-a ference that makes it better for a public man | purty which might, from its history, be supposed to be ready to take anything-such a declaration as this about Cuba should be made. We suppose that so much virtue was displayed in the case because it only related to what might be offered to the Government. A much smaller gift offered to the person himself would bardly be repelled with such

However, it is said that the conclusion reached by a conference held to consider this matter was wholly against Cuba, and a notice to this effect was served upon the President.

Bishop Haven seems to have taken charge of Heaven itself, and shuts the door against any man who opposes GRANT for the third term. He calls such opposition "blindness." In a recent letter defending himself for raising the question of a third term in a religious assemblage he says:

" Had Wilson thrown his mighty influence on the side of the President; bad he corpower gave them a stone. And now, when dially supported the reconstruction meathe incompetency and recklessness of the sures still needed to insure liberty and safety South Carolina negro Legislature is displayed to our land and to the late and not yet freed lave; had he belped pass the 'force bil and the education bill, and the marriage bill, and other bills necessary to secure equal rights to all, he would have been live to-day. But he put himself against these demands of God and the hour; and was not, for God presidential fever in it, and by some is contock him."

What a presumptuous ass!

We are obliged to J. AMBLER SMITH, Esq., for public documents, arrearages due to him as a member of the last Congress - viz: Memoriel Addresses and Message and Documen!s of '74-'75 from the Department of

The Dispatch, in a letter from J. H. C., has Xenophon's Analysis, Hudley's Grammar (our italics), which will do very well for Anabasis and Hadley. Let the Virginia People be Appealed to .- Gordonsville Gazette.

Does the Gazette suppose that the editors of the Dispatch read the proof-sheets of the matter that appears in this paper.

PROFESSOR TICE.-The Popular Science Monthly for January makes mince-meat of that old weather-quack, Professor Tice.

Republican Party in Virginia. COLORED MAN ON THE SITUATION-WHAT THE

PARTY NEEDS - A LEADER WANTED-FORGIVE NORFOLK, VA., December 23, 1875.

Editors of the Dispatch: There being no Republican organ in this State, and the Dispatch being a metropolitan journal, baying a larger circulation among the people of Virginia than any other paper, I ask a space in its columns for the purpose of saying a word or two to the Republicans

of our State. The conference at Richmond the other day was a grand failure-a political abortionbut one way-only one way-to organize for service and make substantial the party in this State, and that is by taking such steps as will draw unto it more of the respectable native mean business when I say that unless the party can get accessions to its ranks from the out party backs--young men of vigor, courage, talent, and spirit—we are gone up. Farthquake."
This is the only cure. How to do this? Well, the most effectual way that I can suggest is to invite natives to come, and make it

congenial for them when they do come. The party did a good thing last fall by defeating Frank Moss of Buckingham, Clark of Halifax, and several other poisy, ignorant, stupid would be leaders. If anybody expects to add white votes to a party that recognizes Frank Moss as a leader in Virginia polities that body entirely fails to understand the nature of a Virginian. Ignorance, superstition, and that other thing, "color line," the party has got to show a leader equal in

whoever that is. If we can get a leader to take hold that can show a clear record-who is brave. courageous, talented, and full of spirit-then the changes necessary in the offices (Federal), and be fully equipped and thoroughly organized by spring. As we are to-day, it is all nonsense to talk of making a fight in the presidential election. A leader and more native accessions is what we need. We want to start out with a generous policy of forgive and forget, and if our leader shall be one that has been baptized in blood as a rebel all the better. If he is without arm or leg, his State with success is all mere moonshine. you and me the ballot - the northern people-

of a man neacquainted with the qualities of and their warm hands feel each other's a gentleman and unrestrained by the senti-

I ask you not to let the people shake hands

over our prejud'ces and thort-sightedness. Let us take some stock in this matter. We have good northern men amongst us honorable men—who were our friends in that dark hour. I don't propose to "shake' them; but merely to strengthen them and

solution." When the next Republican State Convention shall meet I hope that a different set of delegates will manage it as compared to what we have seen, and if it is possible that some brave and intelligent colored delegate will arise in that body and nominate for the presiding officer such a person as here indicated, then we will have a leader, and a leader is the first thing required to make a move-FREEDMAN. ment successful.

ourselves by adding the "native hue of re-

The Centennial Appropriation.

Editors of the Richmond Dispatch: Among the many important bills now before the Legislature there are few, if any, of greater ultimate importance to the people of this Commonwealth than the bill for the Centennial appropriation. And yet the writer was informed by a delegate a few days ago that the probabilities of securing this appropriation were small, owing to the unwholesome fear entertained by our legislators of offending their uninformed constituencies.

Will you allow space for a few words concerning the effects of a failure to pass this bill on Americans abroad. When our counstanding that the town was founded with trymen meet in Europe southerners are, as a rule, surprised by the cordiality of the welcome extended them by western travelers, and the majority of people from both sections separate with the conviction that the chief reason why our country is still so divided as to give men like Senator Morton any material influence is because our people are not brought more together.

The Americans now in Europe are coming to the Centennial, and they are coming hoping to find and to foster the spirit of reconciliation, and indeed of common sense. Virginia occupies much of their attention as being in some wise the political exponent of southern feeling and southern sense; and the absence of any official representation on her part would have a very bad effect on these our countrymen. It would make them believe that the time was still distant when would produce great harm North and South, and would result in increased disgust and in a further loss of confidence all over the country. And that we are suffering now chiefly from lack of confidence and credit, political and commercial, scems almost incontestable.

Many Americans abroad look indeed upon the Centennial exhibition as in some measure the test of our national unity and existence; and from a failure of southern representation they would be ready to predict another prolonged period of suicidal strife. That such views are extravagant and unounded will not prevent their having a considerable effect on the timorous, nor their furnishing unscrupulous politicians with the ustruments of further harm. It is unnecessary to dwell on the importance of averting my such impression.

Should it be asked what does it matter whether Americans who live abroad have good or bad impressions of the state of the country which they no longer inhabit, the reply is evident that the tendency will be increased for our wealthiest class to live in Europe, and consequently to take with them almost all their revenues, if not their property itself. It is not a good thing for Russia that her richest people spend in Paris, in Vienna, and in Italy, the money drawn from their estates; nor would a similar state of things be good for us.

Space and time are lacking to follow, this surject into its manifest divisions. If sugges ing will aid in securing the passage of the appropriation the writer will be content. AMERICAN.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S LAST SPEECH .- The speech of General Sherman made at the New England supper in New York city last night is regarded here as baying a little of the strued as an invitation to northern Democrats to unite upon him as their leader as against a possible southern candidate .-Washington telegram in Baltimore Ameri

MARRIAGES. Married. December 23d. by Rev. Mr. Huber, Mr. PETER KRUG, of Richmond, to Miss ANNA M. FRANTZ, of Henrico. No cards.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents near Warrenton, Va., on Thursday, December 23, 1875. by the Rev. A. D. Pollock, Mr. MATTHEW GILMOUR to Miss ROBERTA. youngest daughter of the officiating minister. Married, at "Nesting," the residence of the bride'

father, in Middlesex cousty, Va., Thursday, the 16th day of December, 1875, by Rev. J. D. Hank, Mr. S. ROSZEL DONOHOE, editor of the West Polnt Star, and Miss. C. H. EUBANK, daughter of oseph C. Eubank, Esq.

Married, in this city, on Wednesday, December 22d, 1875, by Rev. J. B. Hutson, WILLIAM L. VALENTINE and Miss GERTHUDE RICKS; oth of Richmond, Va. Married, in Sidney, on Thursday, December 23d. 1875, by Rev. J. B. Hutson, WILLIAM T. MAR-TIN, of Richmond, Va., and Miss GEORGEANNE

FORD, of Henrico county. Married, in Richmond, Va., on Thursday, December 23a, 1875, by Rev. J. B. Hutson, WILLIAM TEWART and Aiss OBELIAH GREGORY; both of Henrico county.

Married, at the Maltby House, Baltimore, on the 21st of December, by the Rev. William F. Ward (pastor of Wesley chapel, Baltimore Methodist Episconal church), Mr. ROBERT B. TAYLOK and Miss JULIATT G. GAGER, youngest daughter of Captain George R. Gager; both of Richmond, V

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL (corner First and Clay streets.)-Service to:day at 12 o'clock. Collection for disabled clergy. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH-CHRIST-

MAS, 1875 .- Services at 11 o'clock A. M.

ST. MARK'S ENGLISH LUTHE-RAN CHURCH (Mayo street between Broad and sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. C. SCHAEFFER, at SPECIAL NOTICE TO SHIPPERS. 11 A. M.; preaching at 7:30 P. M. Seats free. All

BROAD-STREET METHODIST CHURCH .- Rev. S. A. STEEL, the pastor, will preach Sunday at 11 A. M., on the " Visit of the Magi; " and at 7.30 P. M., on the " Mission or the

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH. Services by Rev. A. C. BLEDSOE, pastor, at 11 A. M. Subject: "The Unspeakable Gift." At 7% P. M., subject: " The Magl and the Star."

ON SUNDAY, AT THIRD STREET METHODIST CHURCH, preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. B. DERRICK, at 11 A. M. Subject: "Old Year Admonition." At 7% P. M., subject: "Old Year Inquiry."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.-Rev. WILLIAM D. THOMAS, D. D., at 11 A. M. and 7k

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M. GEIFFIN, de 24-31* corner of Duval and Second streets.

MEETINGS. MASONIC NOTICE.—The members of METROPOLITAN LODGE.
No. 11, are requested to attend a stated comwunication of their Lodge at 8t. Alban's Hall on MONDAY EVENING, 27th instant, at 6 o'clock, it being St. John the Evangelist's day. All master Masons in good standing are fraternally invited to attend. By order of the W. M. de 25-1t*

8. B. JACOBS. Secretary.

A TTENTION, FIREMEN .- The regular A quarterly meeting of the Board of Control of the Fire Department of the city of Richmond, for the assessment of fines for the current quarter, will be held at the Teuth-street hose-house on MONDAY EVENING, the 27th instant. at 6 o'clock. By order of the Chief Engineer. de 24-3t D. A. CARDWELL, Clerk.

NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VA., December 11, 1875. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCKHOLDERS of this Bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY the 11th day of January next, at 12 o'clock M.
J. W. LOCKWOOD,

de 13-Mtd&dm THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS COMPANY will be held at the Exchange Hotel. Richmond, Va., on THUESDAY, January 82 1878.

A. N. WELLFORD, President. OFFICE OF THE NEW MECHANICSVILLE TURNPIKE COMPANY, RICHMOND, December 22, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at the rooms of the Chamber' of Commerce, 1104 Main street, Richmond, Va. at 12 o'clock M., WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1876.

GEORGE K. CRUTCHFIELD, President, N.B.—The regular meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the said company will be held at the same place at 11 M cyclock of the same also. ne same place at 11% o'clock of the same day. de 24-codtd

PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, RICHMOND, VA., December 14, 1875. }
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STO KHOLD RS OF THIS BANK be beld at the banking-house on TUESDAY the 11th day of January next. at 12 o'clock M. W. R. QUARLES, Cashler. de 15&tM&FiJa11

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A series of T 'BLEAUX and CHARADES, interspersed with singing by some of the best amateur singers in the city, will be given at Virginia Hall WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS. in aid of Trinity Lodge, J. O. G. T. Mr. THOMAS MINOR, well known in his line, ill have charge of the entertainment ADMISSION: Adults, 50 cents; children, 25 Performance commences at 7:30 o'clock. de 24-6t

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AT THE

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CHRISTMAS.

RICHMOND AND DANVILLE RAILROAD CO., RICHMOND AND DANVILLE DIVISION. OFFICE OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT, RICHMOND, Va., December 23, 1875. NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—The Freight depot of this Company at Richmond will be depot of this Company at Richmond will be closed from 4 P. M. FRIDAY. December 24th, to 8 A. M. MONDAY. December 27th. Shippers will be governed accordingly.

W. H. GREEN, de 24-2t

Superintendent. FREIGHT OFFICE RICHMOND AND)

PETERSBURG RAILROAD, RICHMOND, VA., December 24, 1875.

THE FREIGHT DEPARTMENT of this Company at Richmond will be closed THIS (Friday) EVENING at 4 o'clock, and no freight will be received or delivered after that hour till 8 A. M. MONDAY the 27th instant. By order of the Superintendent. T. H. BRANSFORD,

BICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND) POTOMAC RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE OF GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, RICHMOND, December 22, 1875.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. The freight offices of this company will be closed on CHRISTMAS and NEW-YEAR'S DAYS.
Freight trains will be suspended from THURS-DAY P. M., 23d instant, until MONDAY A. M., 27th inteant, and from THURSDAY P. M., 30th instant, until MONDAY A. M., 3d January, 1876;
C. A. TAYLOR, General Freight Agent.
de 23-24,25,29,30.31&1Jan

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, RICHMOND, VA., December 23, 1875. OTICE TO BRICK-MAKERS .- Sealed OFFICE OF CITY FIGUREER, RICHMOND, VA., December 23, 1875.

OTICE .- SEALED PROPOSALS WILL NOTICE.—SEALED PRO OSALS WILL
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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA. RICHMOND, December 22, 1875.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, RICHMOND, December 11, 1875. NOTICE.—The books for the transfer of CITY OF RICHMOND BONDS will be closed from the 20th to the 31st instant, inclusive. de 11-tq J. B. ROYSTER, Auditor, SPECIAL NOTICES.

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